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## Witchweed . . . Agricultural Survey

### Have You Seen Witchweed?

Your State and Federal agriculture agencies are looking for witchweed in North Carolina and South Carolina—and we need your help to find it! This red-flowered plant pest is a serious threat to corn and sorghum in the Carolinas. Right now it could be growing in your fields or among grassy weeds elsewhere on your property.

### Beauty is the Beast

Don't let witchweed fool you! Its bright red flowers and 12-inch height look innocent enough . . . but underground this pest is robbing healthy host plants of food and water. When infestations are heavy, witchweed's mark is obvious—crops that are dried out, stunted, and nonproductive. Before cooperative State-Federal control efforts began in the Carolinas, local corn losses were high.

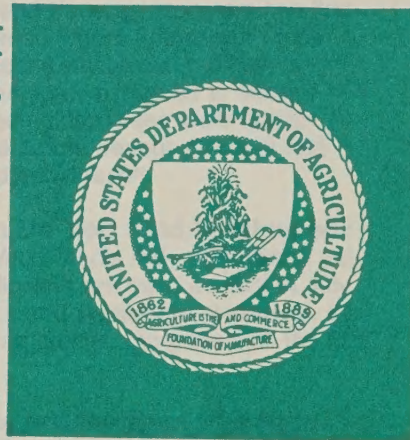
### Why the Witchweed Survey Here?

The State-Federal plan is to eliminate witchweed entirely from North Carolina and South Carolina. To do this,

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abandoned fields, along roadsides, near farm buildings, in backyards, and in home gardens should also be checked carefully!



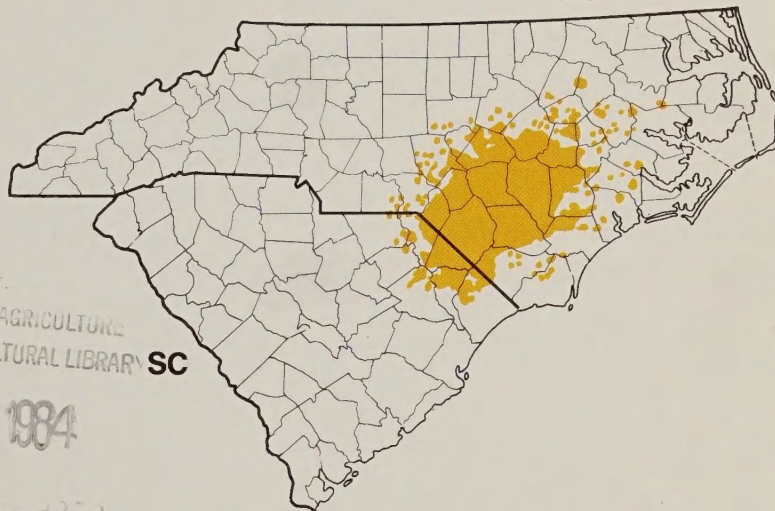
Witchweed attaches itself to roots of corn plants, stealing vital nutrients.

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## These Areas Have Witchweed— Could It Be On Your Property?

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### How Can You Help?

Let us know if you do or if you do not suspect witchweed on your property.

Fill out and return the attached card, or call one of these numbers:

(919) 483-3536—Fayetteville, NC

(919) 735-1941—Goldsboro, NC

(919) 739-9559—Lumberton, NC

(803) 662-1987—Florence, SC

A State or Federal inspector will visit your property to identify what you've found, and treat if necessary.

**Important—Please call or return the postcard!**

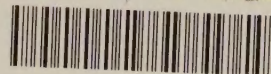
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**Warning:** Don't pull up plants you think are witchweed! You could be spreading its seeds instead. Each witchweed plant can produce up to 500,000 tiny seeds yearly—so the danger of spread is very great!

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